

OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar, Ag. Commissioner of Police, took the oath and signed the rolls.

Motions Nos. 621 and 622.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The next motion is No. 621 to be moved by Mr. Karayalar.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Sir, the former motion was not carried.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): On a point of order, Sir. If on the motion the sum given is cut down, I think it has been brought to a division. Only on that account further motions are allowed to lapse. In this case it has been forced to a division and no amount was cut down. So, I think it will not be affected.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vaki*): The first motion that was put to the vote of the House was a token motion in respect of the sum of Rs. 11,400. And a very identical motion comes in now. The specific figure by which the allotment is sought to be cut is not the material point. All are token motions and so they are identical motions. The Standing Orders say that, when if one motion is voted on, an identical motion cannot be moved during the same session. Therefore, the further motions are not in order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT. So, motions Nos. 621 and 622 are out of order.

The following motions were therefore not moved.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR:

621. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,400 for Salt Factories by Rs. 5.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI:

622. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,400 for Salt Factories by Rs. 1.

Motion No. 623.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion;—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,200 for petty construction and repairs by Rs. 5.

The object of this motion is to point out the unsatisfactory condition of the storage sheds in the Salt Depots and of the tram line in the Alleppey Port Salt Depot and to press for their improvement.

Sir, the Alleppey Port Salt Depot has 12 sheds intended to accommodate something like 3 to 4 lakhs of maunds of salt. These sheds are kept in an unsatisfactory condition, so much so owing to leakage in the roofs deficiency of the salt stored has become greater and greater. It means increased loss to Government as well as to the contractor. The roofs of two of the sheds were provided about 15 or 20 years ago. They are now in a decadent condition and the leakages are so deceptive as to escape detection so that, by the time salt is issued out of these sheds, large deficiency in quantity is noticed. "I wish